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INCREASE IN PRICE OF STEEL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is in the process of hiking steel price;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is aware that this will adversely affect all the sectors including poor consumers; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to rectify the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) In a liberalised scenario, prices are determined by the free interplay of market forces. Therefore commercial decisions including prices are taken by the respective steel producers.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) & (d)During the last two years Government has taken various steps to ensure both adequate availability and stability in prices of steel in the domestic market. The measures taken by the Government inter-alia include considerable reduction in import duties on steel as well as steel making inputs, reduction in DEPB rates on steel items and fixation of value caps for all items of iron and steel and ferro alloys, increasing allocation of iron and steel materials for the SSI sector and advising steel PSUs to export only after fulfilling the domestic requirement.